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In re application of:

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For: BONDING APPARATUS AND
BONDING METHOD

Art Unit: --

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H2000-100858 published in Japan on April 7, 2000; and
- B. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. S63-236340 published in Japan on October 3, 1988.

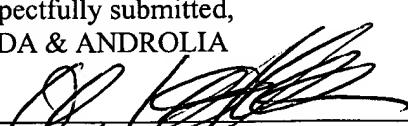
The English translation of the above listed relevant art is not available at this time to the undersigned, and such a translation is not attached hereto.

A concise explanation of relevance of each one of the prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English summary of each prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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